

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claim 12 is amended. Claims 7-11 and 14-27 are canceled without prejudice. New claims 34-72 are added. Claims 1-6, 12-13, and 28-72 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-6 and 28-33 stand allowed.

Claims 12-13 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As part of this response, claim 12 has been rewritten to include the elements of its base claim (claim 7) and intervening claim (claim 11). Claim 13 depends from claim 12. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 12 and 13 are in allowable form.

Double Patenting

Claims 7-11, 14-17, and 18-27 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,241 to Purnaveja et al. (hereinafter Purnaveja). As part of this response, claims 7-11, 14-17, and 18-27 are canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejection of claims 7-11, 14-17, and 18-27 moot. Applicant reserves the right to pursue claims 7-11, 14-17, and 18-27 in one or more continuation applications.

New Claims

New claims 34-72 are added.

With respect to new claim 34, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: graphically ordering annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams; and in response to a user instruction, sequentially presenting the annotations along with their corresponding identified media stream segments in the desired order of presentation as recited in new claim 34. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 34 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 35-37, new claims 35-37 depend (directly or indirectly) from new claim 34, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 35-37 are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 34.

With respect to new claim 38, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: configuring a first portion of a user interface to display a plurality of identifiers corresponding to a plurality of annotations, the plurality of identifiers corresponding to a playlist of media segments to be seamlessly presented to a user; and reordering the plurality of identifiers in accordance with user input to change the order in which the media segments are to be presented as recited in new claim 38. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 38 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 39-41, new claims 39-41 depend from new claim 38, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 39-41 are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 38.

With respect to new claim 42, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: graphically ordering annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams; and in response to a user instruction, sequentially presenting the annotations in the desired order of presentation as recited in new claim 42. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 42 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claim 43, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: graphically ordering annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams; and in response to a user input, sequentially presenting the identified media segments corresponding to the annotations in the desired order of presentation as recited in new claim 43. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 43 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claim 44, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a system comprising: means for configuring a first portion of a user interface to display a plurality of identifiers corresponding to a plurality of annotations, the plurality of identifiers corresponding to a playlist

of media segments to be seamlessly presented to a user; and means for reordering the plurality of identifiers in accordance with user input to change the order in which the media segments are to be presented as recited in new claim 44. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 44 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 45-47, new claims 45-47 depend from new claim 44, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 45-47 are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 44.

With respect to new claim 48, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: creating annotations interactively with a user, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams; graphically ordering the annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input; and in response to a user instruction, sequentially presenting the annotations along with their corresponding identified media stream segments in the desired order of presentation as recited in new claim 48. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 48 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 49-51, new claims 49-51 depend from new claim 48, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 49-51 are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 48.

With respect to new claim 52, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a system comprising: a processor; and a

memory configured to store a plurality of instructions for execution by the processor and that cause the system to: create annotations interactively with a user, wherein the annotations correspond to identified segments of one or more media streams; graphically order the annotations in a desired order of presentation in response to user input; and in response to a user instruction, sequentially present the annotations along with their corresponding identified media stream segments in the desired order of presentation as recited in new claim 52. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 52 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claim 53, new claim 53 depends from new claim 52, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 53 is allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 52.

With respect to new claim 54, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a method comprising: receiving an indication of a plurality of annotations selected by a user, wherein each of the plurality of annotations corresponds to a media stream or to one or more media streams; and seamlessly providing, in an order which is identified by the user and can be changed by the user, one or more of, the plurality of annotations, and at least a portion of the media stream corresponding to each of the plurality of annotations as recited in new claim 54. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 54 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 55-62, new claims 55-62 depend from new claim 54, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 55-62 are allowable

over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 54.

With respect to new claim 63, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references do not disclose or suggest a system comprising: an annotation database that stores one or more collections of annotations, wherein each of the annotations identifies at least a segment of a media stream; and an annotation module to control storage and retrieval of the plurality of annotations, wherein the annotation module is configured to perform steps comprising: retrieving a particular collection of annotations from the annotation database; presenting the annotations of the retrieved collection to a user in an order which is input by the user and which can be changed by the user; and managing sequential presentation to the user of the media stream segments corresponding to the presented annotations as recited in new claim 63. Applicant respectfully submits that new claim 63 is allowable over the cited references for at least these reasons.

With respect to new claims 64-72, new claims 64-72 depend (directly or indirectly) from new claim 63, and Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 64-72 are allowable over the cited references for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to new claim 63.

Conclusion

Claims 1-6, 12-13, and 28-72 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Version of Claims with Markings to Show Changes Made

12. (Amended) A method [as recited in claim 11, further] comprising:
receiving an indication of a plurality of annotations selected by a user,
wherein each of the plurality of annotations corresponds to a media stream or to
one or more media streams;
presenting a plurality of annotation identifiers to the user;
allowing the ordering of the plurality of annotation identifiers to be
changed by the user;
seamlessly providing one or more of,
the plurality of annotations, and
at least a portion of the media stream corresponding to each of the
plurality of annotations;
wherein the seamlessly providing comprises seamlessly providing the one
or more of the plurality of annotations and the portion of the media stream
corresponding to each of the plurality of annotations in an order defined by the
order of the plurality of annotation identifiers.